

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 271. }

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, October 15, 1864.

The following will be substituted for Paragraph 4, of General Orders, No. 127, dated March 29, 1864, from this Office, in relation to *hospitals for officers* :

4. When an officer is not provided with money, and is unable to obtain it, he will give a certificate of indebtedness, in triplicate, to the treasurer of the hospital, in such form as shall be prescribed by the Surgeon General, for the amount due from him to the hospital. At the time of payment, if the officer has not left the hospital, the treasurer shall present duplicate certificates of indebtedness to the Paymaster who pays the hospital, to be cashed and paid by him to the treasurer, who shall furnish triplicate receipts; two to the Paymaster, as his vouchers for the payment, and *one* to be forwarded by the treasurer *direct* to the Paymaster General's Office. The Paymaster will deduct from the officer's pay the amount paid over to the treasurer.

If the officer leaves the hospital before the time of payment, the treasurer will, as soon as he leaves, transmit the third certificate to the Paymaster General for the senior Paymaster of the district in which the officer's command or station may be, and the amount will be stopped from his pay at his next regular payment after his return to his command. The paymaster who pays the hospital, will, as above provided, pay to the treasurer the amount of the indebtedness. When officers under treatment quit the hospital on *leave of absence* or by *discharge* from the service, the amount of indebtedness paid and unpaid, shall be endorsed on the leave of absence or upon the order of discharge for the guidance of the Paymaster, by the treasurer or Surgeon in charge.

The following Paragraph will be added to General Orders, No. 127:

10. Every officer shall certify on every pay account, that all dues to the United States for hospital indebtedness have been paid by him.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

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